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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The cited documents may be deemed pertinent because they were cited in a European Search Report issued on a European counterpart application on May 27, 2005. A copy of that Search Report is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required for consideration of this information to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

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